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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgement

1. This Office Action is responsive to the Amendment first filed on 07/10/2006 and subsequently refilled as a "further preliminary amendment" on 11/28/2006. This office action void the office action mailed on 10/10/2006.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 2 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 2, last line, after "bits using the", -- error -- needs to be inserted to provide proper antecedent basis. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9-11, 13-15, 25, 27, 35, 39, 41 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Haoui et al (USP 5,742,640).

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Regarding claim 1, Haoui discloses a method comprising:

a sending device computing error detection bits based on both protected bits to be wirelessly communicated over a protected channel and also other bits to be wirelessly communicated over another channel (Haoui discloses the use of both wired and wireless communication between a sending device (base) and receiving device (cellular) (col. 5, lines 5-16, 35-45; col. 6, lines 46-64; col. 7, lines 55-67; col. 8, lines 1-31); and

the sending device transmitting the error detection bits (fig. 5A; 7-bit CRC is used for error correction and is transmitted with the protected bits on a protected channel, class 1 bits, 132) with the protected bits on the protected channel and transmitting the other bits on the other channel (class 2 bits, 138) (col. 8, lines 15-31; col. 11, lines 30-42).

As to claim 2, Haoui discloses a receiving device receiving the detection bits and the protected bits on the protected channel (class 1) and the other bits (unprotected bits, class 2) on the other channel (col. 9, lines 28-55; col. 11, lines 27-34); and the receiving device detecting errors based on the protected bits and the other bits using the detection bits (FEC encoded protected bits) (col. 11, lines 35-45).

As to claim 5, Haoui discloses the other bits are conveyed by a control channel used to decode a further channel and the protected channel is better protected than the further (other) channel (because the convolutional encoder 131 protects the more vulnerable class 1 bits 132 of the speech coder) (col. 13, lines 6-22).

As to claims 7, 12 Haoui discloses the channel used to convey the other bits (the other bits are the error correction bits) and the protected channel are both control

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channels used to decode a further channel (because the convolutional encoder 131 protects the more vulnerable class 1 bits 132 of the speech coder) (col. 8, lines 1-31).

As to claim 9, Haoui discloses the protected channel is time multiplexed with the further (other) channel (col. 8, lines 33-41).

As per claim 10 Haoui discloses the protected channel is code (the encoded 87 bits to 165 bits) multiplexed with the further (other) channel (col. 8, lines 33-41).

Regarding claim 35, Haoui discloses a method comprising:
using both protected symbols (class I bits or symbols) for transmission over a protected channel (channel I) and unprotected symbols (class II bits or symbols) for transmission over an unprotected channel (channel II) in providing error detection symbols for transmission over said protected channel (col. 7, lines 50-67; col. 8, lines 1-14); and sending said error detection symbols (FEC) along with said protected symbols on said protected channel and said unprotected symbols on said unprotected channel to a receiver (subscriber unit 60, fig. 3) (col. 7, lines 50-67; col. 8, lines 1-14, 15-31).

As per claims 11 and 25, Haoui discloses the protected channel is a traffic channel (considered as a dedicated communication channel inherently implied) (col. 6, lines 55-60).

As to claim 13, Haoui discloses error detection bits are computed using a CRC-cyclic redundancy check code (col. 8, lines 1-31).

Regarding claims 14 and 15, Haoui discloses computer readable storage structure (microprocessor or DSP) embodying computer program Code thereon for execution by a computer processor in a telecommunication device, wherein said

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computer program code includes instructions for performing the method of claim 1 (col. 14, lines 20-48).

Regarding claims 39 and 45, Haoui discloses an apparatus comprising:
a cyclic redundancy check calculator(CRC circuit 140 computes a CRC code), for providing error detection symbols for transmission over a protected channel using both protected symbols for transmission over the protected channel and unprotected symbols for transmission over an unprotected channel (col. 8, lines 1-21); and
a transport channel multiplexer (the two slot interleaver 134 provides time multiplexing) and physical channel mapper (frames or maps data into two adjacent time slots), for sending said error detection symbols along with said protected symbols on said protected channel and said unprotected symbols on said unprotected channel to a receiver (col. 8, lines 1-14, 32-41; col. 9, lines 3-10).

Regarding claim 41, Haoui discloses a method comprising:
receiving protected bits on a protected channel and other bits on another channel (col. 7, lines 50-64); and
detecting errors based on the protected bits and the other bits (unprotected bits) (col. 7, lines 65-67; col. 8, lines 1-14).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 3,13, 16-18, 19, 21, 23-24, 26-31, 33-34, 36, 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haoui et al (USP 5,742,640).

Regarding claims 16, 28 and 36, the steps claimed as apparatus is nothing more than restating the function of the specific components of the method as claimed above and therefore, it would have been obvious, considering the aforementioned rejection for the method claim 1, to a person skilled in the art the time of invention was made to present it in an alternate way so as to achieve secure communication results.

Regarding claim 43, the steps claimed as apparatus is nothing more than restating the function of the specific components of the method as claimed above and therefore, it would have been obvious, considering the aforementioned rejection for the method claim 41, to a person skilled in the art the time of invention to present it in an alternate way so as to achieve the desired secured communication results.

As to claim 27, Haoui discloses error detection bits are computed using a CRC-cyclic redundancy check code (col. 8, lines 1-31).

As to claims 17 and 30, Haoui discloses device is a user equipment device (subscriber units) (col. 3, lines 6-22).

As to claims 18 and 29, Haoui discloses device is an access point of a telecommunications network (a cell base station communicates simultaneously with numerous subscriber units) (col. 3, lines 6-20).

As to claim 19, Haoui discloses the other bits are conveyed by a control channel used to decode a further channel and the protected channel is better protected than the further (other) channel (col. 13, lines 6-22).

As to claims 21, 26, Haoui, discloses the channel used to convey the other bits (the other bits are the error correction bits) and the protected channel are both control channels used to decode a further channel (because the convolutional encoder 131 protects the more vulnerable class 1 bits 132 of the speech coder) (col. 8, lines 1-31).

As to claim 23, Haoui discloses the protected channel is time multiplexed with the further (other) channel (col. 8, lines 33-41).

As per claim 24, Haoui, discloses the protected channel is code (the encoded 87 bits to 165 bits) multiplexed with the further (other) channel (col. 8, lines 33-41).

As to claim 27, Haoui discloses error detection bits are computed using a CRC-cyclic redundancy check code (col. 8, lines 1-31).

As to claims 3 and 31, Haoui discloses wherein bits on a channel are wirelessly communicated in frames (Haoui discloses the use of both wired and wireless communication between a sending device (base) and receiving device (cellular) (col. 5, lines 5-16, 35-45; col. 6, lines 46-64; col. 7, lines 55-67), further comprises means for discarding at least some bits (bits that are in error or are incorrect) of a frame if an error is detected in the other bits communicated on the other channel and for discarding the bits without adding them to a buffer for soft combining and requesting retransmission to replace discarded bits (col. 8, lines 20-31).

As per claims 33 and 34, Haoui discloses communication among several wireless communication devices, such as associated with numerous cell base stations and mobile communication centers (col. 3, lines 7-22).

7. Claims 4, 6, 8, 20, 22, 32, 37-38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haoui et al (USP 5,742,640) in view of Seidel et al (US Pub. 2004/0062222).

Regarding claims 6, 20, Haoui, discloses all limitations of the claim, including further channel is a traffic channel (protected channel, col. 7, lines 59-64) except does not explicitly disclose other bits include bits indicating transport format combination indicator (TFCI). Seidel, however, discloses other bits include bits indicating transport format combination indicator (fig. 1; page 2, section 0036; page 4, section 0054). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use TFCI as taught by Seidel in the system of Haoui because it can enhance possible data rate allocation by base station of mobile station.

Regarding claims 8, 22, 37, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46, Haoui, discloses all limitations of the claim, including the protected channel is an outband signaling channel (channel that carries signaling or error correction bits protected separately from the data bits; col. 7, lines 59-64; col. 8, lines 1-14) except does not explicitly disclose other bits include bits indicating transport format combination indicator (TFCI). Seidel, however, discloses other bits include bits indicating transport format combination indicator (fig. 1; page 2, section 0036; page 4, section 0054). It would have been obvious to a person of

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ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to us TFCI as taught by Seidel in the system of Haoui because it can enhance possible data rate allocation by base station of mobile station.

As to claims 4 and 32, Haoui, discloses all limitations of the claim, including the bits that are discarded in case of an error are the bits conveyed by data channel frame channel (col. 7, lines 20-31) except does not explicitly disclose other bits include bits indicating transport format combination indicator (TFCI). Seidel, however, discloses other bits include bits indicating transport format combination indicator (fig. 1; page 2, section 0036; page 4, section 0054). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to us TFCI as taught by Seidel in the system of Haoui because it can enhance possible data rate allocation and provide error correction by base station of mobile station.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US Patents:

US Patent 6,680,967 to Westman.

US Patent 7,016,430 to Grivna et al.

US Patent 4,715,045 to Lewis et al.

US Patent 6,697,629 to Grilli et al.

US Patent 6,801,580 to Kadous.

US Patent 7,012,883 to Jalali et al.

US Pub. 2002/0021682 to Ariyoshi et al.

US Patent 6,994,206 to Dent.

US Patent 7,027,518 to Mikkola et al.

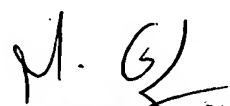
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Qutub Ghulamali whose telephone number is (571) 272-3014. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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